

Professional Development Opportunity

USING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE INITIAL PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS

Date: January 20-21, 2000

Location: National Conservation Training Center,
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

About the course: This course provides an introduction to the *Guidelines for the Initial Preparation of Environmental Educators*. The *Guidelines* describe a set of recommendations about the basic knowledge and abilities educators need in order to deliver high-quality environmental education programs. The *Guidelines* are designed for use in the planning of pre-service teacher education programs, environmental education courses for students preparing for jobs in a wide variety of environmental professions, and staff development programs for individuals in the field of environmental education.

Through a series of guided exercises, participants will have opportunities to examine the *Guidelines* and outline a plan for developing/adapting appropriate pre-service or professional development programs to meet the needs of their own organizations, agencies, or universities.

Objectives: Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe the abilities and understandings that an educator needs to successfully implement environmental education programs;
- Assess the degree to which current pre-service and professional development programs address the competencies outlined in the *Guidelines*.
- Outline a plan for adapting/developing a pre-service or professional development program that addresses the competencies outlined in the *Guidelines*.

Who should attend: College/university faculty, resource managers, trainers, environmental educators, naturalists/interpreters, and others involved in designing and implementing pre-service or professional development programs in environmental education.

College Credit: 1 semester hour.

Costs for Lodging and Meals:

Contact Claire Cassel for specifics.

Non-federal employees receiving a scholarship will not be charged for lodging and meals. **All federal participants are responsible for travel costs.**

Scholarships are available for non-federal participants. For further information, please contact:

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How to apply: Complete the NCTC training course application found on the back of this announcement or in the NCTC training catalog, and fax it to the NCTC Registrar at (304) 876-7202. **Course registration deadline is December 9, 1999.** Call (703) 358-2536 for availability after deadline. Enrollment limited to 24 participants.

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